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MINUTES

Of the Proceedings of the Municipal Council for the United Counties of Huron Perth and Bruce, holden at the Huron Hotel, Goderich on the 29th day of December 1851, pursuant to adjournment from the 2nd July, 1851.

PRESENT:—William Chalk, Esq., Warden.

Messrs. SMITH, ANNAND, FLANAGAN, HAMILTON, RATH, LAMB, GOURLAY, Messrs. HOLMES, DONKIN, GIRVIN, WALLACE, COLE, BELL, HAYS.

The Warden addressed the meeting.

1. Letter from Mr. Strachan late Solicitor to the County Council was read.

2. Letter from Mr. Strachan late Solicitor, when it was

3. Moved by Mr. Donkin, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, That a committe of three be appointed to take into consideration Mr. Strachan's letter, and to report thereon.

4. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Bell, That the letter of John Strachan, Esq., be received and filed. On the *yeas* and *nays* being taken on the amendment, there voted for the amendment 7, for the motion 7, the Warden gave his casting vote in favor of the motion, which was carried.

5. It was further moved in amendment to the motion, by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That the Clerk write to Mr. Strachan in reply to his communication regarding the report of the select committee upon Law-Plea to quash By-Laws, stating that the Council are not aware of any charge or insinuation in the clause referred to but what may be plainly understood from the facts therein stated. Carried.

6. Letter from the Public Works Department, Toronto, ordered to be filed.

7. Letter from John Wilson, Esq., London, ordered to be filed.

The following documents were submitted to the Council and referred to the Finance Committee.

8. Letter from the Clerk of the Peace to the Warden.

9. Orders of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace.

10 Copy of a letter from the Warden to the Clerk of the Peace.

11 Copy of a letter from the Warden, was referred to Road and Bridge committee.

The following documents were referred to the Finance Committee.

12 Letter from Mr. Beecher, London.

13 Letter from Provincial Secretary's Office, to Warden.

14 Letter from County Treasurer.

15 Copy of correspondence between the County Treasurer and the Canada Company relative to borrowing £30,000 for gravelling the leading roads within the Counties.

16 Treasurer's Abstract for quarter ending 30th Sept.

17 Notice of motion by Dr. Cole, that to-morrow I will move that a grant be made to construct a crossway over the "Little Cranberry Marsh" between the Town line of Stanley and Hay, pursuant to petition of inhabitants of same line.

The following documents were submitted to the Council, and referred to Finance committee.

18 Account of John Strachan, Esq.

19 Five accounts marked A B C D E connected with the New Maitland Bridge (Ben. Millers.)

20 Stationary account for Treasurer's Office.

21 Stationary account for County Clerk's Office.

22 Account and Letter from H. Rowsell, Toronto.

23 Do Jaffray and Son, Gdt.

24 Do (sudden breach,) Bridge between Stanley and Goderich.

25 Account do Road to Port Albert.

26 Do Work done on Line of Road between Ashfield and Wawanosh.

27 Do (sudden breach) Black Creek Bridge.

28 Do do building Bridge over Trout Creek.

29 Do do repairing road opposite Lot 3, con. 1, Ellice and Downie.

30 Do do repairing Bridge and crossway opposite Lot 2, con. 8, on the Stratford and St. Mary's Road.

31 Do do building Bridge over creek opposite Lot 1, on the 11th con., Downie, Stratford and St. Mary's Road.

32 Petition of Mrs. Nairn.

33 Letter from chairman of Board of Public Instruction.

34 Account and letter from A. W. Otter, Esq.

35 Circular from Chief Superintendent of Education to County Clerk, and blank form, referred to School committee.

36 Moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Rath, That the clerk write to T. M. Jones, Esq., Commissioner of the Canada Company, informing him that an advertisement published in the *Huron Signal* and *Huron Loyalist* Newspapers, and addressed to collectors of Townships in the United Counties, regarding arrears of Taxes due by the Canada Company upon lands held by Lasees has caused considerable difficulty to the collectors, as it is imperative upon them to levy these arrears upon the residents on the lands unless otherwise paid, and that it is necessary that some arrangement be made for that purpose as soon as possible—carried.

37 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Donkin, That the clerk of this Council do write to the Local Superintendents of Education in these United Counties intimating to each of them that it is the desire of this Council that all documents connected with the apportionment of public money within the present year be submitted at the next session of Council—carried.

38 Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That a committee of five on Finance be appointed. On a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Holmes, Smith, Donkin, Wallace and Hays.

39 Moved by Mr. Rath, seconded by Mr. Gourlay, That the Clerk write to the Canada Company's Commissioner, soliciting information as to whether the Canada Company intend paying the back taxes due on the Lands in Logan and Ellice, if not whether they will repudiate the whole of the land in these Townships, if only part of these lands, what part of the same. The above motion was referred to the Finance committee.

40 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Wallace, That a committee of five on Schools be now appointed. On a ballot being taken the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Rath, Smith, Hays, Holmes and Bell.

The Council then adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH,
Tuesday, 30th December, 1851.

PRESENT:—The Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. RATH, HILL, HAMILTON, GOURLAY, ANNAND, HOLMES, DONKIN, GIRVIN. Messrs. COLE, BELL, HAYS, SMITH, LAMB, WALLACE, FLANAGAN,

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved of. When the following documents were referred to Finance committee:—

41 Petition of Archibald McCloy and 35 others.

42 Moved by Dr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Bell, That the sum of £35 be granted by this Council for the purpose of cross-laying 60 rods of the road over the "Little Cran-berry Marsh," on the Town-line between Hay and Stanley; and also for cross-laying a small Cedar Swamp on said line.

43 Petition of Messrs. James Gordon, and William Rattenbury.

44 Petition of William Story.

45 Account (sudden breach) Bridge on Stratford and St. Mary's Road.

46 Do do Bridge on Huron Road at lot 4, North Easthope.

47 Do for work done on the Mitchell Road.

48 Do (sudden breach) Carron Brook Bridge.

49 Do do Whirel Creek Bridge.

50 Do Huron Signal Printing Office.

51 Do (sudden breach) Ashfield Road, Colborne.

52 Do do do

53 Do do McKillop.

54 Do do Silver Creek Bridge.

55 Do work done at New Maitland Bridge.

56 Do of work and labour done at Carron Brook.

57 Do William Story, Stove Pipes for Gaol.

58 Do Men's wages assisting County Surveyor.

59 Do Stationary and Postage County Surveyor's Office.

60 County Surveyor's Report—referred to Road and Bridge committee.

61 Surveyor's estimate of gravelling and improving the London and Huron Roads, referred to Road and Bridge committee.

62 Surveyor's estimate of New Maitland Bridge, referred to Road and Bridge committee.

63 Do do for improving 1½ miles of road through Colborne to Ashfield, referred to Road and Bridge committee.

64 Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Mr. Hays, That the Assessor and Collector of the County of Bruce be paid out of the United Counties' funds, as the parties had much trouble in endeavouring to perform the duties imposed upon them by the Council, without being able to collect the rates, as the inhabitants refused to pay the same. The above motion was referred to the Finance committee.

65 Moved by Mr. Holmes, seconded by Mr. Annand, That the School committee do take into consideration the notice of the Local Superintendent of No. 3 Division, to teachers on the principle of taking School averages and report thereon—referred to School committee.

66 Moved by Mr. Rath, seconded by Mr. Hill, That the County Treasurer be instructed to receive certificates from the past collectors of the different Townships in these United Counties, as payment of taxes that have been charged the second time, and that he place the amount of such certificates received from each Township to the credit of such Township—referred to Finance committee.

67 Moved by Mr. Hays, seconded by Mr. Bell, That a Committee of Five upon Roads and Bridges be appointed. On a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs. Hill, Donkin, Lamb, Cole and Rath.

68 Moved by Mr. Annand, seconded by Mr. Holmes, That a sum not to exceed two pounds ten shillings be expended on the road between the Maitland Bridge and the Town of Goderich, to keep it in a passible condition during winter, referred to Finance committee.

69 Surveyor's Schedule of works completed this season by the Canada Company's Improvement fund, referred to Finance committee.

70 Moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr Girvin, That the Finance committee be instructed to take into consideration the amount of Mr. Bignal's defalcation, and what steps to be taken for the recovery of the same, referred to Finance committee.

71 Moved by Mr. Girvin, seconded by Dr. Cole, That the road from Goderich road in Colborne to the Division line in Colborne up the 8th concession, and from thence to Wawanosh be included in the list of roads to which the By-Law relating to sudden breaches will apply, referred to Finance committee.

72 Moved by Mr. Rath, seconded by Mr. Hill, That the County Clerk when writing to Mr. Jones, concerning back taxes, also ask whether the Company intend paying for years when the lands have been leased between the times for assessing and collecting. Also what course they intend to pursue when lands have been taken up but no lease issued—carried.

The Council then adjourned until to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden,
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, GODERICH,
Wednesday, 31st December, 1851.

PRESENT:—The Warden in the Chair.

Messrs. HAYS, RATH, HAMILTON, SMITH, FLANAGAN, GOURLAY, LAMB, DONKIN, ANNAND. Messrs. GIRVIN, COLE, HILL, BELL, WALLACE, HOLMES, GUEST, FRYFOGLE,

The Minutes of yesterday were read over and approved of.

73 Letter from Mr. Jones to County Clerk, was referred to Finance committee.

74 Letter from Mr. McDonald (Sheriff), referred to Finance committee.

75 Petition of County Surveyor, do

76 Mr. Wallace addressed the Council, stating an error had been made in the amount of tax to be levied in the Town of Goderich for County purposes—on verbal motion, the matter was referred to the Finance committee to report thereon.

The Report of the Road and Bridge Committee, was received and referred to a committee of the Whole. The Warden nominated Mr. Bell to the chair.

On the Report being read over, that part of the report relative to the Sable Hill was confined as well as that part relative to Black Creek Bridge which creek Bridge, and Warrens Creek Bride, also, the recommendation about the New Maitland Bridge. Nos. 61, 62, and 63 were confirmed.

The committee then rose, and the Warden resumed the Chair. On the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee being again submitted, it was received confirmed, and adopted.

77 Moved by Mr. Guest, seconded by Mr. Flanagan, That the Council do assume the new Bridge over the River Thames at St. Mary's referred to Finance, Committee.

The Council adjourned till 5 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM CHALK, Warden
Huron, Perth and Bruce.

COUNCIL ROOM, *Wednesday, 5 o'clock, P. M.*

The Warden resumed the chair, and the same persons present who were there in the forenoon.

The Report of the School Committee was received and re-

AN ADVENTURE IN HUNGARY.

From the German.

On the third day after his departure from Vienna, a horse-dealer alighted at an inn situated at the entrance of a little town, which, to all appearance, was respectable and quiet. He recommended his horse to the care of the landlord, dried his clothes at the fire, and as soon as supper was ready sat down to the table with the host and his family, who appeared to be decent people.

During supper the traveller asked where he came from, and on his answering from Vienna, they were all anxious to hear some news from the capital. The horse-dealer told them all he knew. The landlord then asked him what business had taken him to Vienna, to which he replied that he had been there to sell some of the very finest horses that had ever appeared in the market there.

At these words the landlord looked very significantly at the young man who sat opposite to him, and who appeared to be his son. His expressive glance did not escape the observation of the traveller, who, however, took no notice of it; yet he very soon afterwards had cause to regret his want of caution. Being in want of repose, he begged the landlord, as soon as the supper was finished, to show him to his room. The landlord took a lamp, and conducted the traveller across the yard into a detached building, which contained two tolerably neat rooms. A bed was prepared at the farther end of the second.

As soon as the landlord had retired the traveller undressed himself, unbuckled a money belt containing a considerable sum in gold, and took out his pocket-book, which was full of Austrian bank-notes.

Having convinced himself that his money was right, he placed both under his pillow, extinguished the light, and soon fell asleep, thanking God and all the saints for the success of his journey. He had slept but an hour or two when he was suddenly awakened by the opening of the window, and immediately felt the night air blow upon him.

Started at this unforeseen circumstance, the traveller raised himself up in bed, and perceived the head and shoulders of a man, who was struggling to get into the room; at the same time he heard the voices of several persons who were standing under the window.

A dreadful terror seized our traveller, who gave himself up for lost; and scarcely knowing what he did, crept under the bed as quickly as possible. A moment afterwards a man sprang heavily into the room, and staggered up to the bed, supporting himself against the wall.

Confounded as the horse-dealer was, he nevertheless perceived that the intruder was inebriated; this circumstance, however, gave him little hope, for he had probably got intoxicated in order to summon up courage for the contemplated crime, besides this the traveller had heard the voices of persons outside, so that the murderer, in case of resistance, could count upon the assistance of his comrades.

But how great was his astonishment when he saw the unknown person throw his coat upon the floor, and stretched himself upon the bed which he had just quitted! A few moments afterwards he heard the intruder snore, and his terror began gradually to give way to reflection, although the whole affair was quite incomprehensible to him.

He was just preparing to quit his hiding place, in order to awake the inmates of the house, and ask another bed in place of that from which he had been so unceremoniously expelled, when a new incident occurred.

He heard the outer door carefully opened and, on listening, the sound of cautious footsteps reached his ear. In a few moments, the door of the room opened, and two figures, those of the landlord and his son, stood on the threshold.

"Keep the lamp back!" muttered the father in a suppressed voice.

"What have we to fear!" said the young man; "we are two against one: besides he has only a small knife with him, and his sleeping soundly: hear how he snores."

"Do what I tell you," said the father, angrily: "do you wish to awake him! would you have his cries alarm the neighborhood!"

The horse-dealer was horrified with the spectacle. He remained motionless under the bed scarcely daring to breathe. The son shut the door after him, and the two wretches approached the bed on tiptoe.

An instant afterwards, the bed was shook by a convulsive motion; and a stifled cry of pain, confirmed the foreboding that the unhappy man in the bed had his throat cut. After a short pause of awful silence, the landlord said:

"It is over now: look for the money."

"I have found it under the pillow,' said the son; "it is in a leather belt and pocket book."

The murderers disappeared.

Every thing being now quiet, the traveller crept from under the bed, jumped out of the window, and hastened to the adjoining town to inform the authorities of what had happened.

The mayor immediately assembled the military, and in less than three quarters of an hour, the inn was surrounded by soldiers who had been summoned to arrest the murderers. The whole house seemed buried in profound silence; but on approaching the stables they heared some noise. The door was broken in, and the landlord and his son were seen busily digging a pit. As soon as the murderers saw the horse dealer, they uttered a cry of horror, covered their faces with their hands, and fell to the ground.

This was neither from repentance nor the fear of punishment, but they thought they saw before them the ghost of the murdered man notwithstanding they heard him speak. There was some trouble in convincing them to the contrary. They were then bound, and led to the out-house, where the horrible deed had been committed, anxious to see how the enigma would be solved.

The prisoners appeared tolerably collected, at least calm and sullen; but when on entering the room, they perceived the body which lay on the bed, the son fell senseless to the earth, and the father threw himself upon it, with loud lamentations, clasped the bloody corpse, and exclaimed despairingly, "My son! oh, my son! I, thy father am thy murderer."

The murdered man was, in fact, the youngest son of the host. Drunkeness was the only fault this young man had; and this night, instead of being, as his father and brother supposed, in his own bed, he had gone out secretly, and been carousing with some of his companions, at the alehouse.

Soon becoming sufficiently inebriated, and fearing his father's anger if he appeared before him in that state, he intended to pass the night in the detached outhouse, as he had often done before. His companions had accompanied him hither, and helped him to climb up to the window. The rest requires no further explanation.

Nor do we need to add that the murderers expiated their crime with their life and that the horse-dealer, although saved, and again in possession of his plundered property still shudders at the recollection of that dreadful night.

SINKING OF A TENNESSEE MOUNTAIN.—It is stated that a short time since a portion of Walden,s Ridge sunk with a noise resembling deep-toned thunder, leaving a huge gap in the timber that fringes the sides of the ridge extending about two miles in a parallel direction with the top.—The gap in the dense timber appears to be about sixty or a hundred feet in width and the fissure in the earth reached to an unknown depth in which trees of the largest size were torn up, and enormous rocks which had propably lain concealed for ages were sent from their primitive beddings and laid bare. The foundation on which the mountain rests is supposed to given way.

THE LXXI REGIMENT.—Over three hundred men of the battalion stationed at Toronto having applied for permission to attend upon the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Burns, Major L'Estrange, the officer commanding, with the concurrence of General Gore, at once granted their request. To worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, is the inalienable right of a soldier as well as of the civilian, but it is a right which, even in the British army, has not always been so handsomely conceded. The Trustees of Knox's Church have exerted themselves to provide the necessary accommodation for the corps, and notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather, it was pleasing to see so many of the men, on last Sabbath evening, occupying the seats alloted to them.—*Missionary Record.*

NEW YORK Jan. 2.—The steamship *Falcon* arrived this morning, by way of Chagres and Havana. At Jamaica the cholera was still prevalent. Total number of victims since its first appearance estimated at 40,000. The plan for the establishment of Responsible Government is the principal topic of conversation in the papers. The coast has been visited by a severe gale. Trade exceeding dull.

WASHINGTON, Jan 2.—Mr. Walker presented a memorial from the Industrial Congress, asking for the recall of the Minister to France, and a suspension of all diplomatic and commercial intercourse, in consequence of Louis Napoleon's recent act of usurpation. After a considerable debate the memorials was laid on the table. The President and Kossuth had an interview yesterday.

A FATHER'S ADVICE TO HIS SON.

BY GEOTHE.

The time draws near, dear John, that I must go to the way from which none return. I cannot take thee with me. I must leave thee in a world where good counsel is not superabundant. No one is born wise. Time and experience teach us to separate the grain from the chaff. I have seen more of the world than thou. It is not all gold my son that glitters. I have seen many a star from heaven fall, and many a staff on which men have leaned break.—Therefore give this advice, the result of my experience. Attach not thy heart to any transitory thing. The truth comes not to us, dear son; we must seek for it.—That which you see scrutinize carefully; and with regard to things unseen and eternal, rely on the word of God. Search no one so closely as thyself. Within us dwells the judge who never deceives, and whose voice is more to us than the applause of the world, and more than all the wisdom of the Egyptians and Greeks.—Resolve, my son, to do nothing to which this voice is opposed. When you think and project, strike on your forehead and ask for his counsel. He speaks at first low, and lisps as an innocent child; but if you honor his innocence he gradually loosens his tongue and speaks more distinctly.

Despise not any religion; it is easy to despise, but it is much better to understand. Uphold truth when thou canst, and be willing for her sake to be hated; but know that thy individual cause is not the cause of truth, and beware that they are not confounded. Do good for thy own satisfaction, and care not what follows.—Cause no gray hairs to any one; nevertheless, for the right even grey hairs are to be disregarded. Help and give willingly when thou hast, and think no more of thyself for it, and if thou hast nothing let thy hands be ready with a drink of cold water, and esteem thyself for that no less. Say not always that thou knowest but know always what thou sayest. Not the apparently devout but the truly devout man respect, and go in his ways. A man who has the fear of God in his heart is like the sun that shines and warms, though it does not speak. Do that which is worthy of recompense, and ask none. Reflect daily upon death, and seek the life which is beyond with a cheerful courage; and further, go not out of the world without having testified by some good deed thy love and respect for the Author of Christianity.

EXECUTION OF HENRY GROOM.

The execution of Henry Groom took place on Saturday, at noon, at Norwich, before an immense concourse of people.—Groom was convicted at the recent assizes for the wilful murder of John Ayton, who was shot while proceeding to pay some laborers in the employ of the Earl of Leicester. The culprit since his condemnation has been very penitent, and paid great attention to the spiritual instruction of the chaplain of the gaol, who had repeatedly visited him. His awful situation had evidently affected him deeply, both physically and mentally, and his outward appearance underwent a great change for the worse during the brief period which elapsed since his conviction. For some days he had given up all hope of mercy, and it is reported that he made a confession to the chaplain. The necessary preliminaries having been completed by Cathcart, the executioner, the culprit was launched into eternity. His struggles were long and severe. His body is to be buried in one of the passages in the castle, alongside the remains of the notorious Rush, the perpetrator of the Sanfield-hall murders. As upon the occasion when the last named criminal suffered, the solemnity of the scene was added to by a large black flag waving over the castle gate.

HOW TO LAY UP MONEY FOR A RAINY DAY.—A number of years ago, Charles and Clara S—were married in the city of New York. Charles was wealthy and in good business—very comfortable circumstances for a young man which tended, of course to develope his naturally liberal disposition. Feeling thus happy and independant of the worlds frowns, he proposed to his youthful bride, one day during the honey moon, to give her five thousand dollars for every section of his house" which should be ens[illegible] as may be supposed to which, to which the lovely Clara made not the slightest objection. Time passed on, Charles faithfully performing his agreement and making no inquiries as to the disposition of her money by his better half. When they had been married some ten years, Fortune, which had smiled with constancy, suddenly turned her back, and left him apparently high and dry among the brokers of Wall street. When the crisis had arrived, he went home with a heavy heart, to announce the sad news to his wife, that he was an irretrievably ruined man—that his property had all gone to satisfy his creditors, and nothing was left. "Not exactly so bad as that my dear," said Clara. "Wait a minute, and see what I have been doing." Thus saying, she ran up stairs, and soon returned with a deed in her own name, of one half of an elegant block of houses in the neighborhood, worth thirty thousand dollars.—*Kennebec Journal.*

"Upon this [illegible] the place where once stood the [illegible] was once a beaver, 'that look of your beautiful eye thanked me for both'

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